



Trail Conditions Report

KACHEMAK BAY STATE PARK

Updated: August 28, 2015

Overall Conditions: All trails should be snow free. Trail locations can be obscure in alpine areas. **Trails are becoming brushy and hard to follow in places. When in doubt, look for chainsaw cuts, flagging, and/or trail markers.**

Advisory: Trails in KBSP are rough, with steep grades in places, and in some cases only marked routes. It is advisable to add 1/3 to your average hiking time.

Grewingk Creek Tram is open and upgraded. It is difficult to use. We suggest a minimum of two people in party, one assisting by remaining on the platforms to pull on the rope, reversing process when first person across completes trip. Gloves are recommended.

Please practice LEAVE NO TRACE etiquette. **PACK OUT WHAT YOU PACK IN!**

Report any problems, complaints to the Park Ranger @ 235-7024 or 262-5581, thank you.

Announcement: Work along the Saddle Trail has ended for the season **Please look at the additional pages also.**

China Poot Lake Trail:	Cleared of downed trees.
Estuary Trail:	Cleared of downed trees
Poot Peak Trail: North Route:	Unmaintained. Possible fallen trees across the trail.
Poot Peak Trail: South Route:	Hike-able. Extremely Brushy and overgrown conditions in the higher elevations.
Poot Peak Trail: Summit Route:	Caution climbing up to the summit. Route climbs up scree slope and there is a short climb to the actual summit. Rock is unstable near the summit.
Coalition Trail: (Between Halibut Cove Lagoon and China Poot Bay)	Cleared of deadfall
Coalition Loop Trail: (Between China Poot Bay and China Poot Lake)	UNMAINTAINED. Trail is heavily overgrown. Not recommended to hike. The spur trail down to China Poot Cr. Falls DOES NOT EXIST ANYMORE. NOT RECOMMENDED TO HIKE TO FALLS.
Moose Valley Trail:	Hike-able to Moose Valley PUC Btw. Moose Valley PUC (mile 1) and Poot Peak Trail jct., many trees down and heavily overgrown. Also, the bridge is out at mile 2.5, crossing Moose Valley Cr. Not recommended to hike beyond Moose Valley PUC.
Lagoon Trail:	Not Cleared and extremely brushy
Goat Rope Trail:	Not Cleared
Alpine Ridge:	Cleared of deadfall. Extremely brushy.
Saddle Trail:	Cleared of deadfall. Work along the Saddle Trail has ended for the season.
Glacier Lake Trail	Cleared of Deadfall.
Grewingk Tram Spur Trail:	Cleared of Deadfall.
Blue Ice Trail:	Hike-able. Brushy up near the tarn.
Emerald Lake Loop Trail:	Hike-able. A couple of downed trees along Foen Ridge and about 8 between Grewingk Lake and Emerald Lake. Very brushy.
Mallard/Emerald Conn. Trail:	UNMAINTAINED
Mallard Bay Trail:	UNMAINTAINED
Woznesenski River Trail:	An overflow channel has made the Wosensenki River Trail impassable 3 miles from Haystack Rock. A main channel has moved along the north side of the river and is partially being diverted. Not Cleared and extremely brushy beyond mile 3. Cleared btw. China Poot Lake and Poot Peak, South Route jcts. Brushy.
Sadie Knob Trail:	Cleared of deadfall. Brushy in places
Grace Ridge Trail:	North end is hike-able. Very Brushy in sub-alpine. South end is extremely brushy in sub-alpine.
Tutka Lake Trail:	Cleared of dead fall.
Tutka – Jakolof Trail:	UNMAINTAINED



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ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Please be aware that the following organizations will be occupying the following beach campsites.

Homer Wilderness Leaders (HoWL)

- June 2-6 2015: Kachemak Crack/Left Beach
- August 3-7 2015: Kachemak Crack/Left Beach

Private Parties

- May 22-25 2015: Kachemak Crack/Left Beach Campsite.

Trail Name Changes

Grewingk Tram Spur Trail: Replaces a portion of the Grewingk Glacier Trail from the junction of the Glacier Lake Trail to the Grewingk Tram

Emerald Lake Loop Trail: This trail replaces a portion of the Humpy Creek Trail from the Emerald Lake Trail junction to the Grewingk Tram AND a portion of the Grewingk Glacier Trail from the Grewingk Tram to the Emerald Lake Trail junction near Grewingk Lake.

Blue Ice Trail: This trail replaces a portion of the Grewingk Glacier Trail from the junction of the Emerald Lake Trail to Grewingk Glacier or the end of the trail.

Mallard/Emerald Connector Trail: This trail replaces a portion of the Humpy Creek Trail from the Emerald Lake Trail junction to the Mallard Lake Trail junction.

Grewingk Glacier Trail name has changed:

- From the Glacier Lake Trail junction to the Grewingk Tram is now the **Grewingk Tram Spur Trail**
- From the Grewingk Tram to the Emerald Lake Trail Junction is now part of the **Emerald Lake Loop Trail**
- From the Emerald Lake Trail junction to Grewingk Glacier is now the **Blue Ice Trail**

Humpy Creek Trail has changed:

- From Humpy Creek Trailhead to the Emerald Lake junction is now part of the **Emerald Lake Loop Trail**
- From Humpy creek Trailhead to the Grewingk Tram is now part of the **Emerald Lake Loop Trail**
- From the Emerald Lake Trail junction to the Mallard Bay trail junction is now the **Mallard/Emerald Connector Trail**



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SADDLE RE-ROUTE TRAIL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Starting late May through the end of August, a trail construction crew will be clearing and beginning the construction of a new trail alignment for the Saddle Trail between the Lagoon Trail Junction and the Glacier Lake Trail junction. During this time the existing trail will be open for public use. However, the public can expect short delays throughout the summer during tree felling operations for the safety of all. We will update with information of trail delays as they become available.

Work along the Saddle Trail has ended for the season.

HALIBUT COVE LAGOON PUBLIC DOCK

The Halibut Cove Lagoon Dock ramp and gangway will be closed to public use indefinitely. The pilings supporting the dock and gangway were recently inspected and have been determined unstable. Access is available via the beach located to the east of the dock. **Please do not use the dock or gangway.**

Please keep the small beach at the bottom of the stairs clear of kayaks, canoes, and dinghies to allow for temporary boat landings, for off and on loading only. This is important especially at extreme high tides when there is very little beach to land on. A section of the Halibut Cove Lagoon Dock has been moved to just east of the stairs and beach. Please use this area for kayak and dinghy storage, not boats, since it goes dry at low tide.

We will update with further information regarding the dock as it becomes available